

REMARKS

This communication responds to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005. Claims 20, 28, 34, 38, 44-46, and 65 are amended, claims 1-7, 47, and 49 are canceled, and no claims are added. As a result, claims 8-46, 48, and 50-65 are now pending in this Application, of which claims 20, 28-30, 34-38, 43-46, 48, and 65 are subject to examination.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 20, 28, 38, 43, and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kumagai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,147,573). Claims 1-4 have been canceled, and claims 20, 28, 38, and 65 have been amended. Therefore, the Applicant believes the rejection is now moot.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumagai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,147,573) in view of Takaya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,713,162). Claims 34-37 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumagai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,147,573) in view of Lee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,497,037). Claims 45-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumagai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,147,573) in view of Takeshita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,469,259). Claims 28, 34, 44-46 have been amended, and claim 47 has been canceled. Therefore the Applicant believes this rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's attorney, Mark Muller, at (210) 308-5677, or the undersigned at (612) 373-6951 to facilitate prosecution of this Application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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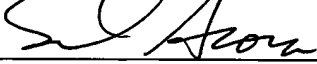
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